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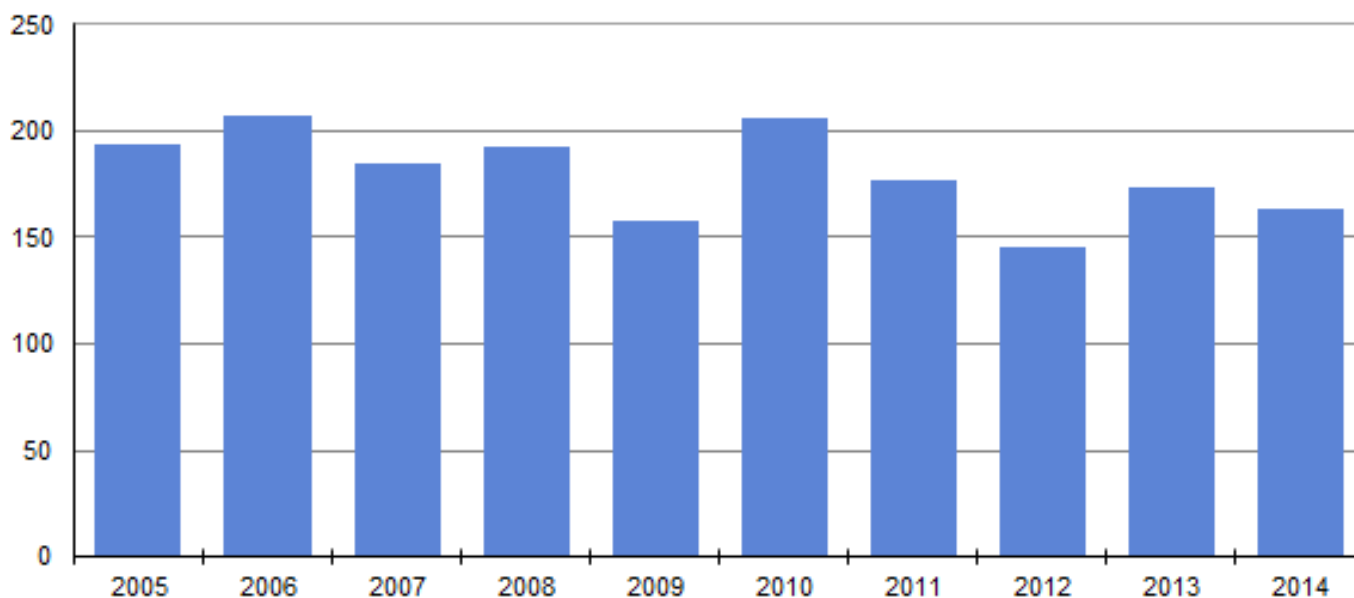
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## Fatal Work Injuries in Illinois — 2014

Fatal work injuries totaled 163 in 2014 for Illinois, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Charlene Peiffer noted that while the 2014 count was preliminary, the number of work-related fatalities in Illinois decreased by 13 over the year. Fatal occupational injuries in the state have ranged from a high of 262 in 1996 to a low of 146 in 2012. (See [chart 1](#).)

Nationwide, a preliminary total of 4,679 fatal work injuries were recorded in 2014, up from a revised count of 4,585 fatalities in 2013, according to results from the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) program. Final 2014 CFOI data will be released in the late spring of 2016.

**Chart 1. Total fatal occupational injuries, Illinois, 2005–14**



NOTE: Data for 2014 are preliminary.  
SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

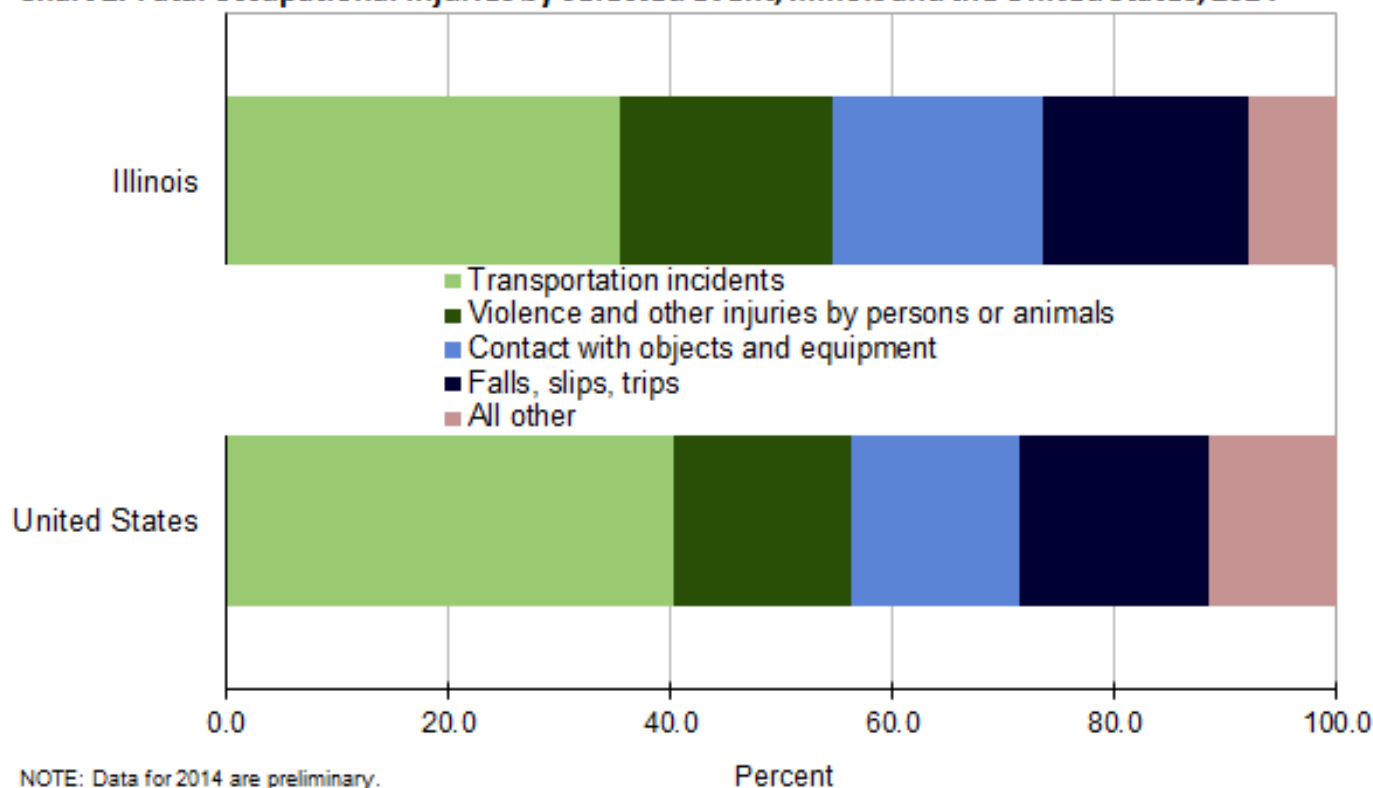
Of the 163 fatal work injuries reported in Illinois in 2014, transportation incidents were the most frequent fatal workplace event with 58. Violence and other injuries by persons or animals and contact with objects and equipment each recorded 31 work-related deaths. Falls, slips, or trips were responsible for 30 fatal work

injuries. Together these four major categories accounted for 92 percent of all fatal work injuries reported in the state. (See [table 1](#).)

Within transportation incidents, roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicles was the most frequent type of workplace fatality with 33 deaths. In the violence and other injuries by persons or animals category, 27 of 31 deaths occurred as a result of intentional injury by person. For the contact with objects and equipment, 21 of the 31 deaths occurred as a result of being struck by an object or equipment. Within the falls, slips, or trips category, 24 of 30 fatal work injuries were due to falls to a lower level. (Note that roadway incident counts presented in this release are expected to rise when updated 2014 data are released in the late spring of 2016 because key source documentation detailing specific transportation-related incidents has not yet been received.)

In the United States, transportation incidents were also the most frequent fatal workplace event in 2014, accounting for 40 percent of fatal work injuries. In Illinois, transportation incidents accounted for 36 percent of the state's share of fatalities. (See [chart 2](#).) Falls, slips, or trips was the second most frequent type of event nationally, with 17 percent of work-related fatalities; the share in Illinois was 18 percent. Violence and other injuries by persons or animals and contact with objects or equipment accounted for 16 percent and 15 percent of the nation's workplace fatalities, respectively. In the state, violence and other injuries by persons or animals and contact with objects and equipment were each responsible for 19 percent of workplace fatalities.

**Chart 2. Fatal occupational injuries by selected event, Illinois and the United States, 2014**



## **Additional highlights:**

- The transportation and warehousing industry had the largest number of fatalities in the state with 32, up from 19 the previous year. Transportation incidents accounted for 19 fatal work injuries. (See [table 2](#).)
- Construction had the second highest fatality count with 28, unchanged from the previous year. Falls, slips, or trips accounted for 12 deaths in this industry. The agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting industry had 26 work-related fatalities. Transportation incidents accounted for 11 workplace fatalities and contact with objects and equipment accounted for 9 deaths in this industry.
- Transportation and material moving occupations had the highest number of fatal work injuries with 52. Motor vehicle operators suffered 36 fatalities. (See [table 3](#).)
- Men accounted for 144, or 88 percent, of the work-related fatalities in the state. (See [table 4](#).) Transportation incidents made up 35 percent of these fatalities.
- In Illinois, 77 percent of those who died from a workplace injury were white non-Hispanics. Nationwide, this group accounted for 68 percent of work-related deaths.
- Workers 25-54 years old—the prime working age group—accounted for 96, or 59 percent, of the state’s work-related fatalities in 2014. Nationally, workers in this group accounted for 58 percent of on-the-job fatalities.
- Of the 163 fatal work injuries in Illinois, 74 percent worked for wages and salaries; the remainder was self-employed. The most frequent fatal event for both wage and salary workers and the self-employed was transportation incidents.

## **Technical Note**

**Background of the program.** The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, part of the BLS occupational safety and health statistics program, compiles a count of all fatal work injuries occurring in the United States during the calendar year. The program uses diverse state, federal, and independent data sources to identify, verify, and describe fatal work injuries. This ensures counts are as complete and accurate as possible.

For technical information about the CFOI program, please go to the BLS Handbook of Methods on the BLS web site at [www.bls.gov/opub/hom/pdf/homch9.pdf](http://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/pdf/homch9.pdf).

**Federal/State agency coverage.** The Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries includes data for all fatal work injuries, whether the decedent was working in a job covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) or other federal or state agencies or was outside the scope of regulatory coverage. Thus, any comparison between the BLS fatality census counts and those released by other agencies should take into account the different coverage requirements and definitions being used by each agency.

**Acknowledgments.** The Bureau of Labor Statistics appreciates the efforts of all federal, state, local, and private sector entities that submitted source documents used to identify fatal work injuries.

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**Table 1. Fatal occupational injuries by event or exposure, Illinois, 2013–14**

Event or exposure <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	2014 <sup>(p)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total.....	176	163	100
Violence and other injuries by persons or animals.....	32	31	19
Intentional injury by person.....	28	27	17
Homicides (Intentional injury by other person).....	16	19	12
Shooting by other person--intentional.....	12	13	8
Suicides (Self-inflicted injury--intentional).....	12	8	5
Transportation incidents.....	67	58	36
Rail vehicle incidents.....	4	5	3
Pedestrian vehicular incident.....	12	8	5
Roadway incidents involving motorized land vehicle.....	37	33	20
Roadway collision with other vehicle.....	18	19	12
Roadway collision--moving in same direction.....	--	6	4
Roadway collision--moving in opposite directions, oncoming.....	9	6	4
Roadway collision with object other than vehicle.....	5	9	6
Vehicle struck object or animal on side of roadway.....	5	8	5
Roadway noncollision incident.....	14	5	3
Nonroadway incident involving motorized land vehicles.....	9	9	6
Nonroadway noncollision incident.....	4	8	5
Jack-knifed or overturned, nonroadway.....	2	7	4
Fires and explosions.....	6	--	--
Falls, slips, trips.....	21	30	18
Falls on same level.....	4	5	3
Falls to lower level.....	17	24	15
Other fall to lower level.....	14	19	12
Exposure to harmful substances or environments.....	14	11	7
Exposure to other harmful substances.....	5	5	3
Contact with objects and equipment.....	35	31	19
Struck by object or equipment.....	23	21	13
Struck by powered vehicle--nontransport.....	7	10	6
Struck by falling object or equipment--other than powered vehicle.....	13	8	5
Caught in or compressed by equipment or objects.....	10	7	4
Caught in running equipment or machinery.....	10	7	4

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on the BLS Occupational Injury and Illness Classification System (OIICS) 2.01 implemented for 2011 data forward.

<sup>(2)</sup> Totals for 2013 are revised and final.

<sup>(p)</sup> Data for 2014 are preliminary. Revised and final 2014 data are scheduled to be released in spring 2016.

NOTE: Totals for major categories may include subcategories not shown separately. Percentages may not add to totals because of rounding. CFOI fatality counts exclude illness-related deaths unless precipitated by an injury event. Dashes indicate no data reported or data that do not meet publication guidelines.

**Table 2. Fatal occupational injuries by industry, Illinois, 2013–14**

Industry <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	2014 <sup>(p)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total.....	176	163	100
Private industry.....	163	152	93
Natural resources and mining.....	27	27	17
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.....	21	26	16
Crop production.....	14	18	11
Construction.....	28	28	17
Construction.....	28	28	17
Construction of buildings.....	5	6	4
Specialty trade contractors.....	17	18	11
Foundation, structure, and building exterior contractors.....	4	9	6
Roofing contractors.....	--	7	4
Building equipment contractors.....	6	5	3
Manufacturing.....	20	13	8
Manufacturing.....	20	13	8
Food manufacturing.....	1	5	3
Trade, transportation, and utilities.....	38	54	33
Wholesale trade.....	7	12	7
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods.....	5	10	6
Miscellaneous durable goods merchant wholesalers.....	--	5	3
Retail trade.....	12	10	6
Transportation and warehousing.....	19	32	20
Truck transportation.....	13	18	11
General freight trucking.....	5	7	4
Specialized freight trucking.....	8	11	7
Specialized freight (except used goods) trucking, long-distance.....	6	10	6
Support activities for transportation.....	--	9	6
Information.....	3	--	--
Financial activities.....	4	8	5
Professional and business services.....	20	9	6
Administrative and waste services.....	17	6	4
Administrative and support services.....	16	5	3
Educational and health services.....	5	3	2
Leisure and hospitality.....	13	7	4
Other services, except public administration.....	5	2	1
Government <sup>(3)</sup> .....	13	11	7
Local government.....	11	8	5

<sup>(1)</sup> Industry data for 2013 are based on the North American Industry Classification System, 2007. Industry data for 2014 are based on the North American Industry Classification System, 2012.

<sup>(2)</sup> Totals for 2013 are revised and final.

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<sup>(3)</sup> Includes fatal injuries to workers employed by governmental organizations regardless of industry.

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**Table 3. Fatal occupational injuries by occupation, Illinois, 2013–14**

Occupation <sup>(1)</sup>	2013 <sup>(2)</sup>	2014 <sup>(p)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total.....	176	163	100
Management occupations.....	25	28	17
Other management occupations.....	23	24	15
Farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural managers.....	18	20	12
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Computer and mathematical occupations.....	--	1	1
Architecture and engineering occupations.....	--	1	1
Life, physical, and social science occupations.....	1	--	--
Community and social services occupations.....	2	--	--
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media occupations.....	5	3	2
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations.....	--	1	1
Healthcare support occupations.....	1	1	1
Protective service occupations.....	10	3	2
Food preparation and serving related occupations.....	6	--	--
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations.....	7	2	1
Personal care and service occupations.....	3	--	--
Sales and related occupations.....	9	11	7
Office and administrative support occupations.....	3	4	2
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations.....	--	5	3
Construction and extraction occupations.....	32	29	18
Construction trades workers.....	24	23	14
Construction laborers.....	10	5	3
Construction laborers.....	10	5	3
Roofers.....	--	8	5
Roofers.....	--	8	5
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	9	11	7
Other installation, maintenance, and repair occupations.....	--	7	4
Production occupations.....	18	9	6
Other production occupations.....	9	5	3
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	41	52	32
Motor vehicle operators.....	25	36	22
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers.....	23	31	19
Driver/sales workers.....	3	5	3
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers.....	18	24	15
Material moving workers.....	13	10	6
Laborers and material movers, hand.....	8	7	4
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand.....	6	6	4

<sup>(1)</sup> Occupation data are based on the Standard Occupational Classification system, 2010.

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**Table 4. Fatal occupational injuries by worker characteristics, Illinois, 2013–14**

Worker characteristics	2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	2014 <sup>(p)</sup>	
	Number	Number	Percent
Total.....	176	163	100
Employee status.....			
Wage and salary <sup>(2)</sup> .....	129	120	74
Self-employed <sup>(3)</sup> .....	47	43	26
Gender.....			
Men.....	159	144	88
Women.....	17	19	12
Age <sup>(4)</sup> .....			
20 to 24 years.....	7	9	6
25 to 34 years.....	30	18	11
35 to 44 years.....	40	32	20
45 to 54 years.....	38	46	28
55 to 64 years.....	38	34	21
65 years and over.....	19	21	13
Race or ethnic origin <sup>(5)</sup> .....			
White, non-Hispanic.....	125	126	77
Black or African-American, non-Hispanic.....	18	17	10
Hispanic or Latino.....	26	16	10

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<sup>(2)</sup> May include volunteers and workers receiving other types of compensation.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes self-employed workers, owners of unincorporated businesses and farms, paid and unpaid family workers, and may include some owners of incorporated businesses or members of partnerships.

<sup>(4)</sup> Information may not be available for all age groups.

<sup>(5)</sup> Persons identified as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. The race categories shown exclude Hispanic and Latino workers.

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